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California Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Commission Set To Meet, Allocate Funds For Law Enforcement, Conservation Projects, Summer Recreation

The California Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Commission will meet in Sacramento February 12-13 where it will consider allocating off-highway vehicle funds for federal summer grants in Northern California for the 2001-2002 fiscal year.

The meeting will be held at the Hilton Hotel, 2200 Harvard Street, Sacramento, and is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. both days.

In addition to Northern California grant requests that will be heard, Commissioners are scheduled to consider a request from the federal Bureau of Land Management, El Centro Field Office. The funds sought by BLM would be used for law enforcement at Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area, managed by the BLM. The request was postponed from the January Commission meeting in Ontario after Commissioners said they had some questions.

The State provides grants to local agencies and enters into cooperative agreements with federal agencies to provide managed OHV recreation in California. Since 1986, the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division of California State Parks has awarded more than \$194 million through grants and cooperative agreements for conservation, law enforcement, land acquisition, development, and operation of local and federal OHV areas.

The Commission was created by the Legislature in 1982 to allow public input and provide policy guidance for the OHV program. The Commission's duties include: allocating funds for OHV capital outlay expenditures and OHV grants and cooperative agreements; certifying environmental impact reports; and considering adverse impacts on property in the vicinity of State Vehicular Recreation Areas, and recommending measures to the Division to reduce those impacts.

Seven Commissioners are appointed to staggered, four-year terms. The Governor appoints three of the members, and the Senate Rules Committee and the Speaker of the Assembly each appoint two. The Commission membership is required to represent a broad range of disciplines relevant to off-highway recreation -- OHV recreation enthusiasts, biologists,

rural landowners, soil scientists, and environmental interests. For more information on OHV Commissioners, visit www.ohv.parks.ca.gov

The meeting facility is handicapped accessible. Further information on the meeting may be obtained by contacting the OHMVR Division at (916) 324-4442, or the Department of Parks and Recreation, P.O. Box 942896, Sacramento, California 94296-0001, or 1725 23rd Street, Suite 200, Sacramento, California 95816.

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